

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 The present invention provides a camera where  
a focusing position of a taking lens is adjusted as  
a first focus adjustment by a CPU, and as a second  
focus adjustment lower in accuracy but higher at a  
10 speed than the first focus adjustment. An object image  
is picked up through the taking lens by an imager, and  
an output signal of the imager is converted into image  
data. A compressibility of the image data obtained at  
15 the imager is set by an image processing section, and  
the image data is compressed in accordance with the  
set compressibility. Then, in accordance with the  
compressibility set by the image processing section,  
the CPU decides which of the first focus adjustment and  
the second focus adjustment is used to execute a final  
focus adjustment operation of the taking lens.